

## REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 30, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-15, 17-22, 24-60, 63, and 71 are allowed. The Examiner also indicated that claims 74-78 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants have rewritten claims 74 and 76-78 in independent form. Additionally, Applicants have amended claim 75 to depend from newly independent claim 74.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 73 and 79-81 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,783,850 to Takizawa. Applicants have canceled claims 73 and 79-81 without prejudice or disclaimer. Further, Applicants have canceled previously withdrawn claims 61, 62, 64-70, and 72.

In view of the foregoing, the present application should be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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